

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY

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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, CSCE, YO, US

SUBJECT: MIHAJLOV INTERVIEW ON VOA

REF: BELGRADE 8449

1. YOUR CABLES (BELGRADE 8413 AND 8425) WERE CONSIDERED  
WITH GREAT CARE AND AT HIGH LEVELS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND  
USIA WHICH TOOK YOUR VIEWS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. IN FACT  
THE DECISION ON BROADCASTING THE INTERVIEW WAS DELAYED FOR  
24 HOURS, AND YOUR MESSAGE CROSSED WITH A EUR/EE MESSAGE  
WHICH WAS INFORMING YOU OF THE OUTCOME. GIVEN THE DEGREE  
OF CURRENT SENSITIVITY IN REGARD TO STATE-USIA-VOA RELATIONS,  
RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS, AND ACTIVITIES THERE, I THINK THE  
DECISION WAS THE LEAST BAD OF ALL BAD OPTIONS. WE WILL  
KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY BEING  
UNDERTAKEN ON THE ROLE OF VOA CORRESPONDENTS. IT IS  
DEPRESSING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS AS FAST AS MY BACK IS  
TURNED. CHEERS ON YOUR ENTERPRISE IN REKNITTING IT. VANCE  
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